



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Denise L. Faustman

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TRANSPLANT REJECTION

EXAMINER: V. Afremova

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action issued September 24, 2003, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance based on the remarks set forth below.

A request for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) and fee is submitted herewith, making the deadline for filing a response, Wednesday, March 24, 2004.

Applicant submits herewith the Declaration of inventor Dr. Denise L. Faustman, M.D., Ph.D. pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132. Entry of the Declaration is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith, along with the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).